

**Office Memorandum** - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director of Training

DATE: 3 September 1953

FROM : Chief, Language Training and Programs Divisions

SUBJECT: Progress Report for the Week 28 August - 3 September 1953

1. Informal oral reports on the first phase of the Central Asia Program at Georgetown University, which concludes this week, indicate that, on the whole, the program has been very satisfactory. In addition to the regular lectures by Dr. Loewenthal, Dr. Hung, visiting professor on Chinese at Hartford Seminary, lectured for two weeks on the geographic aspects of Central Asia. Dr. Hung's lectures were especially outstanding. The second phase of the program dealing with Soviet Central Asia will begin about 18 September 1953.

2. Discussions have been held with Dean Thayer and Professor Haines regarding (a) an SAIS proposal to conduct an eight weeks summer school and a one week conference during 1954 oriented toward problems of Africa, and (b) capabilities and preparedness of the SAIS to stage eight weeks orientation programs on selected areas of the world for personnel of various government agencies and commercial concerns. Specific proposals and papers of discussion will be available in future.

3. A combined total of 106 students are presently enrolled in introductory and self-study courses in the Language Training Branch. Twelve of these people are in classes and 94 are in self-study programs.

4. During the past week, the language laboratory was used for a total of 244 hours, 66 of which were outside the normal working day.

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